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1. A translation of AECAPELIN's report, dated 17 January 1956, concerning the SKOB disappearance as it affected various pro-BANDERA ZCh/OUN members, is attached herewith. Information in this report was summarized and discussed in Reference A.

2. See Reference B (and other related correspondence) for detailed information concerning "KARMEN" when Iva KASHUBA broaches in paragraph six of the attachment to this dispatch. We can only speculate as to whether or not any of the BANDERA-ites received additional correspondence from "KARMEN" (as may be the implication, judging from KASHUBA's remarks to AECAPELIN). However, although AECAPELIN apparently did not develop the conversation with KASHUBA concerning the "KARMEN" letters, MOB will ask him to probe KASHUBA later in an attempt to determine if ZCh/OUN has received further word from "KARMEN" or if KASHUBA was merely using previous information to throw AECAPELIN off guard.

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SUBJECT: Ivan KASHUBA's Views Concerning SKOB's Disappearance
 SOURCE: AECAPELIN from Ivan KASHUBA (SB-ZCh/OUN Chief)
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1. Ivan KASHUBA, who, on the evening of 5 January 1956 departed from Munich allegedly to celebrate the Christmas holiday with Stepan MUDRYK in Neu Ulm, Germany, returned to Munich on 12 January 1956. It would seem that KASHUBA spent one week in commemoration of the holiday. Although it is not known where he spent the holiday, it has been ascertained that it was not with MUDRYK in Neu Ulm. Evidence of this is found in the following:

A. On 12 January 1956, at circa 1700 hours (i.e., prior to KASHUBA's return to Munich), MUDRYK telephoned me and asked if I knew when Kashuba would return to Munich. MUDRYK also stated that he had been in Munich for the past several days and that he had several topics to discuss with KASHUBA but had to return to Neu Ulm. I told MUDRYK that, as far as I knew, KASHUBA intended to return to Munich prior to the New Year's day (NOTE: according to the Julian calendar, 14 January), that is, prior to Friday, 13 January 1956.

2. The above telephonic conversation indicates that:

A. KASHUBA did not visit MUDRYK;

B. KASHUBA's trip was of a conspiratorial nature since even his close assistant, MUDRYK, was not aware when KASHUBA would return to Munich;

C. MUDRYK was not able to learn from ZCh/OUN/BANDERA circles as to the date of KASHUBA's return.

3. It should be pointed out that, during my contact with KASHUBA on 5 January 1956, he had been prepared to leave for his trip (his valise was already at the railroad station). He was also carrying a small package which allegedly contained (Ukrainian) books and reading material. At 1700 hours, we met at Goethe Platz and had coffee at a tavern, during which time KASHUBA left the table three times to make telephone calls to an unidentified person. This would seem to indicate that he did not travel alone, but in the company of a friend. It was at this time that KASHUBA stated that he would return to Munich in a week.

4. On 13 January 1956, KASHUBA telephoned me at 1000 hours and stated that he had returned to Munich during the evening of 12 January 1956. At his suggestion, we arranged to meet in my office during the same day at 1200 hours. After his arrival at my office, KASHUBA asked if I had heard about the "new affair of the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN". I stated that I had not heard about this. He then stated:

A. "Several years ago, a courier arrived from Myron MATVIYEVKO who is now in the Ukraine; this courier called himself SKOB. He brought a group of reports from the homeland together with letters from the OUN Provid in the Ukraine. Because the courier was a British agent, he exfiltrated through Poland with the assistance of British contacts. Having arrived in the West, the British

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gave him refuge and took him to England where he remained for two years, undergoing training to be dispatched to the homeland. ~~Bohdan~~ ~~PIDHAYNYY~~ refused to introduce SKOB to the ZCh/OUN Provid and refused to permit the SB to interrogate SKOB".

B. "PIDHAYNYY invited SKOB to celebrate Christmas in Munich. SKOB accepted PIDHAYNYY's invitation and was a guest at PIDHAYNYY's residence. SKOB arrived in Munich in the company of another OUN member. While in Munich, SKOB stated that he was neither a BANDERA-ite nor a member of the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN, but that he was a member of the homeland OUN and wanted to speak with ~~Stepan~~ ~~BANDERA~~. SKOB's desire to speak with BANDERA did not appeal to PIDHAYNYY."

C. "On Monday, 9 January 1956, SKOB dressed himself in new clothing, packed his electric razor and went into the city, to the Kaufhof, and literally disappeared. The anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN, suspecting that the BANDERA-ites picked up SKOB and are now interrogating him, are trying to locate him."

5. KASHUBA, in reply to my question concerning KASHUBA's opinion vis-a-vis SKOB's disappearance, stated the following hypotheses:

A. SKOB arrived in England as a Soviet agent and now, taking advantage of his presence in Germany, has fled to the East Zone.

B. Either PIDHAYNYY or ~~Yubomin~~ ~~ORTYNSKY~~ has turned over SKOB to American counter-intelligence.

C. The British have picked up SKOB and are now interrogating him.

6. Concerning 5A (above), KASHUBA stated that there is no doubt that SKOB was dispatched to the West by MATVIYEYKO as a bona fide courier, meaning that SKOB, at that time, was not yet a Soviet agent. However, while enroute through Poland, with assistance of British contacts (who, according to KASHUBA, were already under UB control), SKOB was captured by the UB (and, therefore, the KGB), who doubled him and sent him on to the British. In order to have PIDHAYNYY and British believe SKOB to be a bona fide courier, the KGB permitted SKOB to retain his pouch from MATVIYEYKO which SKOB subsequently gave to PIDHAYNYY. SKOB may have been instructed by the KGB to return to the East as soon as possible; however, SKOB, having found himself in England, could not return when he personally desired. Having undergone espionage training in England, SKOB became acquainted with other personalities who were simultaneously undergoing the same training for dispatch to the homeland. In this manner, SKOB was able to collect very important information for the KGB. Because it was difficult for SKOB to return from England, he found it easier to return from Germany and returned to the East. The probability of this hypothesis is evidenced by still another fact, viz. about a half year ago, we received a letter from an unidentified informant, ~~KARMEN~~ in Vienna, who warned us to be cautious concerning SKOB, and stating further that SKOB was a Soviet agent. At that time, we placed no value on this information. However, now that SKOB has fled, it is assumed that KARMEN's information was true. The tragedy lies in the fact that SKOB is now able to return to the homeland where he will contact MAYVIYEYKO whom SKOB will liquidate with the assistance of the KGB.

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7. Concerning 5B (above), KASHUBA considered that PIDHAYNYY, personally, began to suspect SKOB of being a Soviet agent. It is possible that he, together with ORTYNSKYY, turned SKOB over to American counter-intelligence for investigation. The Americans accepted him and are now interrogating him. Because only PIDHAYNYY and ORTYNSKYY are aware of this turnover, the rest of the emigres are creating a fuss.

8. In relation to paragraph 5C (above), KASHUBA did not exclude the possibility that the British are holding SKOB for interrogation. He stated that the British are aware that SKOB's recent sympathies lay with the BANDERA-ites and that perhaps the British were afraid that SKOB, having become aligned with the BANDERA-ites, would refuse to return to the homeland, or, having returned to the homeland, would describe the current emigre situation to MATVIYEYKO in a way which would force MATVIYEYKO to break off contact with PIDHAYNYY and, therefore, the British. For this reason, the British are holding SKOB in Germany in order to debrief him forcibly or otherwise. KASHUBA stated, "We, the ZCh/OUN, had no reason, nor were we interested, to pick up SKOB. If we had picked him up, then we would have announced it. We do not hide the fact that the entire group of agents, who were being trained by the British with PIDHAYNYY's assistance, have come over to our camp. Why should we cover up for SKOB? We do not maintain our former bunkers and we do not interrogate anyone. We are only amazed that PIDHAYNYY has refused to permit us to investigate the SKOB affair. Certainly, PIDHAYNYY was initially agreeable to this investigation; however, when he learned later that we wanted to "interview" his wife, "Handzyna" and him, personally, he refused to go along with the investigation. Why? Perhaps he was afraid that it would be revealed that he gave SKOB to the Americans."

9. When I met KASHUBA on 19 January 1956, I again provoked him concerning SKOB, by stating that, in discussions with members of the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN, I learned that the German criminal police had taken an interest in the SKOB affair and was investigating it, and that the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN is convinced that BANDERA-ites kidnapped SKOB. This irritated KASHUBA and he raged and stormed against the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN. Subsequently, when he quieted down, he stated, "We, ourselves, advised PIDHAYNYY to turn over this affair to the criminal police. If they now conclude that we allegedly kidnapped SKOB, we are not afraid because all of us have excellent alibis." Pointing to his passport in his pocket, KASHUBA stated, "Here is proof where I was located and others also have such proof".

AECAPELIN COMMENTS

10. The fact that KASHUBA is relying on his passport as proof is sufficient indication that KASHUBA did go to another country during the time that SKOB disappeared. It is possible that he visited ~~Osvy~~ TYUSHKA (also spelled ~~TIUSZKA~~) in Innsbruck, Austria. The possibility should not be excluded that Stepan BANDERA and Stepan LENKAVSKYY (also spelled LENKAWSKYY) also visited TYUSHKA. However, I know positively that Yaroslav STETSKO (also spelled Jaroslav STETZKO) and Professor ~~MAJOURCANSKI~~ former Slovak minister and later a diplomat in Rome, visited with TYUSHKA during the Christmas holiday, i.e.,

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6-10 January 1956. It is possible that TYUSHKA invited the entire BANDERA hierarchy to his home for the holidays. (I learned about STETSKO's visit to TYUSHKA from Ing. Sergei NIEDZIELSKI of Innsbruck, who was visited by STETSKO and TYUSHKA on 8 January 1956. It was at that time that STETSKO informed NIEDZIELSKI that he was going to Rome from Innsbruck (which he did).)

11. QUESTION: Is it possible that the BANDERA-ites are interrogating SKOB? Theoretically speaking, it is possible. If so, then the situation can be described in these terms: the BANDERA-ites have been preparing for this from the time when SKOB was still in England. They could have been in contact with SKOB whom they could have suborned to their way of thinking. When he arrived in Germany, they, having procured a false passport, could have obtained a visa for him to travel to Austria or they could have had him transferred illegally to Austria where TYUSHKA gave SKOB protection. In the meantime, or possibly even earlier, BANDERA, STETSKO, LENKAVSKYY and KASHUBA visited TYUSHKA and awaited SKOB's arrival. During the Christmas holiday, they interrogated SKOB at TYUSHKA's residence, which is ideally suited for this purpose, i.e., it is located some distance from other villas, has several exits and a large garden.

12. I know that BANDERA, STETSKO and KASHUBA had permits to travel to Austria; it is also possible that LENKAVSKYY also obtained a permit. It is now an indisputable fact that KASHUBA tried to deceive me when he stated that he was going to visit MUDRYK in Neu Ulm since he stated that his alibi will be supported by his passport. It means that perhaps he was in Innsbruck. If he did visit with TYUSHKA for the holiday, then he apparently did not remain there for one week for this purpose alone but had additional business to take care of.

13. It is evident that, following the fuss created by the anti-BANDERA ZCh/OUN, SKOB is not in Innsbruck with TYUSHKA, but that undoubtedly TYUSHKA has transferred him to another location. According to TYUSHKA, he has a friend, a simple peasant-type young man, who maintains a hut in the hills of Austria where TYUSHKA often goes to relax; this is one hiding place where TYUSHKA could secret SKOB. The difficulty in confirming TYUSHKA's role in this affair can be attributed to the fact that there is no Ukrainian who can provide us with the necessary information to clarify this situation.

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